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SUBJECT: U.S.-VIETNAM RELATIONS: MAY 3 ROUND OF TALKS

REF: BANGKOK 10209 (NOTAL)

1. THE U.S. DELEGATION'S PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 4 AND THE
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S MAY 5 BRIEFING COVER THE TALKS IN

DETAIL AND SHOULD BE DRAWN UPON FOR USE WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS. WE HAVE ISSUED ONE CLARIFICATION TO NOTE THAT WE SAID WE WOULD LIFT THE TRADE EMBARGO ONCE EMBASSIES WERE EXCHANGED. THE VIETNAMESE ARE NOW CONSIDERING OUR OFFER. THEY DID PUBLICLY UNDERTAKE TO INCREASE EFFORTS ON MIA, AND RENEWED DEMAND FOR A COMMITMENT ON AID.

2. IN DESCRIBING ATMOSPHERICS YOU MIGHT NOTE THAT THE SESSIONS WERE FRIENDLY, BUSINESSLIKE AND ABSOLUTELY DEVOID OF POLEMICS.

3. YOU MIGHT ALSO WISH TO ADD THAT HOLBROOKE OUTLINED US POLICY TOWARD ASIA, ESPECIALLY SEASIA, IN MUCH THE SAME WAY AS HE DID WHEN HE VISITED THE REGION LAST MONTH. HE STRESSED THAT WE WILL MAINTAIN OUR SECURITY AND ECONOMIC TIES WITH OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND

STATED OUR BELIEF THAT SEA SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT, WITH NO OUTSIDE DOMINATION AND THAT THE INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF EACH NATION IN THE REGION SHOULD BE RESPECTED.

4. ALTHOUGH U.S. AND SRV DELS ANNOUNCED ANOTHER MEETING IN TWO WEEKS, NO AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED ON FIRM DATES AND IT APPEARS THAT MEETING WILL NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE END OF MONTH. CHRISTOPHER

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